

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Haines House/Willow Spring Farm

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 15/39

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 10
G-20

4. Address: 1600 Tucker Lane, Ashton

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition N/A
Status occupied
Accessible no
Present use private residencePrevious Survey Recording M-NCPPC
Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of
Historical SitesFederal State x County x Local

6. Date: c. 1855

7. Original Owner: Washington Haines

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This five bay by one bay, two-and-a-half story house was built into the hillside facing south. The fieldstone basement is open on the south elevation. The porch, standing on four cement posts, on the south elevation has a half-hipped roof supported by four square wooden posts. There is a lean-to addition on the north elevation. The house was originally a two room log structure. It was enlarged by a west two bay two story wing. The house is sheathed by white clapboarding. There are six-over-six double-hung windows. The gable roof is covered by black asbestos shingles.

10. Significance: Haines House/Willow Spring Farm is typical of mid-19th century medium sized farms in this section of Montgomery County and has associations with early County families. The land was first granted to Richard Snowden, Jr. in the early 18th century. His daughter Elizabeth married William Thomas, a member of the old Quaker family, and the land remained in that family for generations. After William Thomas died in 1851, Washington Haines bought 313 acres from two of William's children and probably built the house by 1855. He farmed the land, some of the finest in the County, until selling it in 1868 to Patrick Donohoo, who also farmed it, leaving it to his nephew, John O'Donnell. The land was sold from O'Donnell's estate in 1910. It passed through several owners before being purchased by the present owners in 1957.

1. Researcher and date researched: Donald M. Leavitt-6/79

Candy Reed
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 24.28 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET 1602655404

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Willow Spring Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Haines House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1600 Tucker Lane				
CITY OR TOWN: Sandy Spring				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Dr. H. T. Meryman				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1600 Tucker Lane				
CITY OR TOWN: Sandy Spring		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: _____				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): _____				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____				
STREET AND NUMBER: _____				
CITY OR TOWN: _____		STATE: _____		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The 2-1/2 story house is a rectangular farmhouse with a porch across the three bay main (east) facade. It has an exterior chimney on the north end. No cornice. The foundation is stone with heavy hewn wooden lintels over the cellar door and windows that are at ground level on the downhill elevation.

Other buildings on the site include a log corn crib with inverted "V" shaped notches on the lower edge. The rafters are notched to fit over the ^-shaped cut on the upper side of the log. The log sills rest on a stone foundation.

A stone spring house sits on the east side of the house.

According to the owners, the main house once had a center chimney.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal

☐ Education

☐ Political

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Engineering

☐ Religion/Phi-

☐ Other (Specify)

☐ Historic

☐ Industry

lasaphy

☐ Agriculture

☐ Invention

☐ Science

☐ Architecture

☐ Landscape

☐ Sculpture

☐ Art

☐ Architecture

☐ Social/Human-

☐ Commerce

☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications

☐ Military

☐ Theater

☐ Conservation

☐ Music

☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Perhaps once a part of Charlie Forest (says owner).
Appears on Martinet and Bond map of Montgomery County
(1865) as Washington Haines house.

On 1878 map shown as Donahue House.

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "	0 ' "	0 ' "		
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "	0 ' "	0 ' "		

Acreage Justification:

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian		
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC		DATE 1/21/73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue		
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland	

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Haines House

AND/OR COMMON

Willow Spring Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1600 Tucker Lane

CITY, TOWN

Ashton

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery 20702

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dr. Harold T. Meryman

Telephone #: 924-3630

STREET & NUMBER

1600 Tucker Lane

CITY, TOWN

Ashton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20702

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 2377

Folio #: 138

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This five bay by one bay, two and a half story house is built into the side of a hill facing south.

Built on fieldstone foundations of chinked logs sheathed by white clapboards, the house was originally a three bay, two room structure. About 1953 a two bay two story wing was added to the west elevation. The south (front) porch stands above the basement at the first level on four concrete posts. The half-hipped porch roof is supported by four square wooden posts. The porch is enclosed by a balustraded railing and is decorated by four flower boxes. Six wooden steps lead from the east side to the porch. The south (front) door is wooden paneled; the south elevation basement door is also wooden paneled. On the north elevation a one story lean-to has been enclosed at the east end and is screened-in on the west end. On the north elevation there is a pair of multi-paned glass doors.

The house has six-over-six double-hung windows flanked by blue board and batten shutters. There are two gabled inset six-over-six double-hung dormer windows on the south and north elevations of the west addition.

The house has an east and west gable roof covered by black asbestos shingles. There are two interior chimneys and one exterior end chimney at the west gable end.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1855 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Willow Spring Farm is an example of a 19th century medium-sized farm, typical of this section of Montgomery County.

The farm is part of three original tracts of land; "Snowden's 2nd Addition to his Manor", "Snowden's 3rd Addition to his Manor", both granted to Richard Snowden, Jr., the Anne Arundel County ironmaster, in the early 18th century, and "Addition to Charley Forest" granted to Major John Bradford in 1720.¹ Snowden soon acquired Bradford's lands. Snowden's daughter Elizabeth married into the Thomas family, one of the oldest Quaker families in the County, and the land remained in that family for generations.²

When William Thomas died in 1851, he divided his vast estate among his children. In 1853 Washington Haines bought 250 acres from William's daughter Martha Harvey,³ and two years later he bought 63½ acres more from Edward Thomas, William's son.⁴ It is believed that he built a house about this time and settled in to farm the land, land which had the reputation as being some of the finest in the County.

Washington Haines sold the farm in 1868 to Patrick Donohoo. Donohoo eventually left the land to his nephew John O'Donnell,⁵ who farmed it for several years. O'Donnell later became insane, and at his death the court took over the property and auctioned it off to pay off O'Donnell's creditors. A poster dated 6/11/1910 described the estate to be sold:

"65½ acres...improved by a FARM HOUSE in good condition, stable, and other necessary outbuildings...This land is of good quality, easily improved, and produced good crops...offers an unusual opportunity to one desiring a productive small farm."⁶

The farm was not sold at the auction and was unused until October of that year when James Johnson purchased it for \$22/acre.⁷ Three years later he resold for nearly \$37/acre.⁸ The farm passed through many hands until the present owners bought it in 1957.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland, vol. 1, (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882), p. 649-50.
2. Thomas Family File, Montgomery County Historical Society.
 - . Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JGH 2/145 (9/17/1853).
4. Ibid., JGH 4/163 (1/13/1855).
5. Montgomery County Will Records, JLB 11/20 (8/29/1888).
6. Equity Case #2578.
7. Land Records, op. cit., 216/28 (10/27/1910).
8. Ibid., 240/150 (11/10/1913).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Maps: Martenet and Bond 1865
Hopkins Atlas 1879

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 24.28 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located on the NW side of Tucker Lane, .7 miles from Rt. 108 and 1.3 miles from Rt. 650.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donald M. Leavitt

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

June 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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~~The Shaw House, 21 State Circle~~
~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~
~~(301) 267-1438~~



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NAME DONOHUE HOUSE

LOCATION 1600 TUCKER LA. ASHTON, Md

FACADE S.E.

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NAME DONOHUE HOUSE (SPRINGHOUSE)

LOCATION 1600 TUCKER LA, ASHTON, MD

FACADE

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